

REMARKS

Claims 2-13, 15, 16 and 25-27 remain pending. Claim 16 is amended herein in an editorial manner and not in response to the prior art or any formal requirement. The specification has been amended to include corresponding patent numbers. No new matter has been added.

Applicants greatly appreciate the indication in the April 9, 2004, Notice of Allowance that claims 2-13, 15, 16 and 25-27 are allowable. The application is still believed to be in condition for allowance. An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

An information disclosure statement (IDS), Form 1449 and copies of stated documents are filed concurrently herewith. Consideration of the cited documents is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 503-495-4575 if any questions arise.

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